(b) The JNU has 376 teachers and 4080 students on its rolls.

(c) and (d) The JNU is one of the premier institutions of higher studies in the country and its standard is rated faily high by the general public. The Government has not received any complaint in this regard.

(e) Does not arise.

Nurul Hassan Post Graduate Medical Institute

4792. SHRI HARADHAN ROY : With the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering to allot more funds for the Nurul Hassan Post Graduate Medical Institute of Kalyani;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) to (c) Planning Commission had approved the release of Additional Central Assistance of Rs. 10.00 crores to the Govt. of West Bengal for setting up a specialised Post-graduate Medical College at Kalyani in 1994-95.

While conveying the approval, the Planning Commission informed the State Govt. that from 1995-96 necessary provision of funds for this purpose would have to be made within the approved State Plan Outlay.

[*Translation*]

Charamrog Vibhag

4793. SHRI O.P. JINDAL : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned 'Charamrog Vibhag mein lakhon ki machine ko rog laga' as reported in 'Navbharat Times' on August 17, 1996;

(b) if so, the details and the facts thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to take action against the Doctors of the Institute responsible for not adopting appropriate measure in the purchase of this machine; and

(d) if so, the reasons for not making use of that machine meant for skin diseases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) to (d) All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi obtained two lasers from the Centre for Advanced Technology, Indore (a Govt. of India Undertaking). The Carbon Dioxide Laser has been put to extensive use. The tunable dye laser has not been installed as there was not enough space in the Out-patients Department of the Institute. A new room is being constructed for the installation of the machine. The Institute is also looking for alternative space for using the machine.

[*English*]

Tobacco Related Diseases

4794. SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have launched any schemes/programmes in observance of the 'World-no-tobacco-day' this year (May end);

(b) the number of persons who died of tobacco related diseases during the last three years and current financial year; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to curb/prevent such diseases, especially to save non-smokers or passive smokers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) No specific schemes or programmes were launched by Government in observance of the World-no-tobacco day this year.

(b) No reliable data is available, year-wise. However, it is estimated that about 8 lakh people die per year due to tobacco related diseases in the country.

(c) Government has initiated several measures like education about the ill effects of tobacco, prohibition of smoking in public places, besides a statutory warning on cigarette packs that smoking is injurious to health.

Treatment Facility

4795. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Dharmshila Cancer Hospital and Research Centre has offered to provide radiotherapy and general diagnostic facilities at half the normal rates to lower income groups with a view to facilitate early detection and treatment of cancer;